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SUBJ: HARASSMENT OF POLISH OFFICIALS

1. DIRECTOR SZEWCZYK (OF MFA) CALLED IN DCM APRIL 3 TO COMPLAIN ABOUT HARASSMENT OF AN OFFICIAL AT THE POLISH MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS. ACCORDING TO SZEWCZYK, COUNSELOR BIELINSKI RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A MR. KOCHANSKI, A FORMER POLISH DIPLOMAT WHO DEFECTED TO THE US SEVERAL YEARS AGO. SZEWCZYK SAID EARLIER THREATS FROM KOCHANSKI AGAINST POLISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BETWEEN FORMER DCM WIEJACZ AND THEN-DEPUTY DIRECTOR BROWN OF EUR/EE IN 1975. IN THE LETTER TO ZIELINSKI, KOCHANSKI SAID HE WOULD TAKE "REVENGE" IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS SPELLED OUT IN THE LETTER WERE NOT MET.

2. THE DCM SAID HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON THIS LATEST ALLEGED HARASSMENT, SINCE HE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY HEARD OF IT. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE USG TAKES SERIOUSLY ITS OBLIGATIONS TO PROTECT FOREIGN DIPLOMATS, AND HE WAS SURE ANY RECOURSE PROVIDED UNDER US LAW WOULD BE APPLIED IN THIS CASE. SZEWCZYK SAID HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT IN LEGAL TERMS, BUT RATHER IN TERMS OF THE USG'S DUTY TO PROTECT POLISH OFFICIALS FROM HARASSMENT. THE DCM SAID THERE IS NO WAY TO AVOID THE LEGAL APPROACH SINCE WHAT WE DO IS LAID DOWN BY LAW. IN ANY EVENT, HE SAID HE
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WOULD REPORT THE POLISH PROTEST TO WASHINGTON.

3. SZEWCZYK SAID A SIMILAR PROTEST IS BEING MADE IN WASHINGTON, PROBABLY BY POLISH DCM PAWLISZEWSKI. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE GOP WISHES TO AVOID SADDLING THE TWO NEW AMBASSADORS WITH THIS PROBLEM, BUT THIS BY NO MEANS DIMINISHED HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER IT. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT WE REPLY TO THE ORAL

DEMARCHES IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND WARSAW.
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